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The other crop on which our farmers depend is corn. And this crop is much in need of rain. Sunday there were indications of rain, and it sprinkled a little around Benton. During the night it turned cold—indicating a hail-storm near. In the bosom of every farmer is the fear of another drought. It is reported that a good rain fell in the southern end of the county Sunday evening.

In the southern and western portions of the county the bright spots that appear in the future of either the landlords or tenants are not visible to the naked eye. The tenant is safe for, as a rule, he has nothing to lose but his mortgage. He has been sucked dry.

Nor is the landlord occupying a bed of roses. In most cases he is heavily in debt, and his margin of profit lies between the interest and taxes he must pay, and the amount of rent he can collect. In recent years the margin has been so close that it was with difficulty that the landlord was able to keep his head above water.

Another year like last year and many of them will sink. And it is my opinion that with fair crop conditions will not improve. We are at the forks of the road. Speculation has all but ceased. All is uncertain. Capitalism is falling to pieces. And upon its ruins we can see arising the United States of the World—the co-operative commonwealth.

Here is the one hope—the one bright star that appears in the midst of all this confusion of horror and darkness. And we Socialists are the only ones to see it! We do not grow nutty over what is now happening in Europe. Karl Marx told us 60 years ago that Capitalism carries within itself the germs of its own destruction. And that is what is happening today. Capitalism is devouring itself.

HILL FOUND \$300.55 SHORT
County court met Friday to have a settlement of road accounts with Highway Engineer Murray. It was found that his Deputy, Hill, was \$300.55 short. Of this shortage \$450.97 was found in the road work on Kings highway from Benton to Morley and Kluge's Hill, and \$79.50 on the back river road below Commerce.

It was ordered that M. S. Murray, together with his sureties, A. J. Matthews and Dr. O. E. Kendall of Sikeston, be notified, and requested to pay into the road fund said amounts. I hope to be pardoned for saying that Hill is not a Socialist.

Of the \$1,000 appropriated for work on Cany Creek bridge a balance of \$151.80 was found to be on hand and turned over.

HERE AND YONDER.
A family of five—a father, mother and three children—were found in a very poor condition of health. The father committed some wrong and the good "eye for an eye" Christian people sent him up to Jeff City to make profits for the prison trust. They were poor, of course, and this left the mother with two children to support. Sunday she decided to end it all and took poison. But the good people wouldn't let her go, and restored her to her misery.

Great is barbarism—excuse me, I should have said civilization. It is not always wise to say what one thinks.

Uncle Ben Curd in Morley Banner. On Tuesday evening fifty years ago, May 11, 1865, it sleeted and snowed and began to freeze. It cleared up during the night and next morning everything was frozen and white with frost and when the sun came up and warmed things up all vegetation turned black as coal. Corn, wheat and the leaves of the trees were of the same color and some of the trees were killed.

Some of the farmers plowed up their wheat and wheat sold that year for \$1.50 per bushel and I paid \$20.00 per barrel for flour at the Commerce mill.

Wm. B. S. Stoddard county farmer, was shot in the arm Monday at Bloomfield while making his escape from the sheriff. Bass had been arrested charged with stealing a horse from a Scott county farmer in March.

The Scott county farmer's name is not given, but the sheriff investigated and found that the horse, which Bass had advertised as a stray, was stolen from this county. While the sheriff was giving Bass a chance to make bond he escaped but was shot in the arm.

J. A. Byrnes, postmaster at Kelsco, Pemiscot county, was killed Friday night and presumably thrown into the river, as the body has not been found. Indications are that he was asleep in his home when struck with his own ax. Blood spots led from the house to the river bank, 100 feet away, and an old skiff is gone. The postoffice in the same building had been ransacked.

Near Riscoe Uncle Dick Watson a laborer, was held up by three boys and robbed of \$15. Two of the boys held revolvers on him while the other took his money. Great civilization! But there is a rift in the cloud. The State University sends out the cheering news that it has 60 students for the ministry.

Amos and Ed McMullen of Morley were here Monday, accompanied by their brother-in-law, John Hill, of Pascola. Amos and Ed have administered on the estate of their deceased father, Andrew McMullen, and will have a sale of personal property on the premises Saturday, May 20.

FROM ORAN.
August Ledger and family of Pleasant Hill died the family of Joe Kiefer Sunday. August says the crop outlook in his section is very slim.

Joe Schlosser of Randies was in Oran last week and reported the wheat crop as looking good in his neighborhood, but said rain was badly needed.

Wm. Mobley, an old resident of the community, died of typhoid fever and was buried in Friend cemetery Saturday.

The Catholics here are making arrangements for a big picnic at Woodland Park July 8.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Next Sunday the children will go to communion. There are 11 boys and 7 girls. The names are Frank Goetz, Nick Westrich, Albert Kihoeffer, Mike Morie, Albert Hase, Albert Glatteffer, Valentine Uphahn, Raymond Westrich, Cletus Bucher, George Glatteffer, Tillo Weser, Romina Josche, Dora Scherer, Coletta Westrich, Olga Strack, Anna Mieschhoff, Angelica Dirnberger, Clara Glaus.

Theodore and Willie Goetz and their sister, Miss Doris, Ben Westrich and sister, Miss Nora, Miss Theresia Lagrand and Al. Kern, spent a pleasant afternoon on Thursday afternoon of last week with the family of August Glaus.

Phil Schitter, John Dirnberger, Frank, Andy and Lawrence Klipfel and others of the Dirnberger neighborhood are installing the Watermelon telephone line. They have all the poles up and will soon be ready for service.

Mrs. Leo Grojan and two sons, Gregor and Cletus and daughter, Miss Dora, of Bloomer attended church here Sunday and spent the evening with the family of Wm. Lagrand.

Henry Kraft of Sandywoods was here last Saturday helping put up the telephone line.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glatteffer and son, Albert, Louis Gosche and family, Louis Lagrand and son, Phillip, were at Oran on Thursday of last week.

A big boy stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gosche, last week and was baptised. Albert Anton Gosche and wife stood sponsors.

George Glaus and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Bischof of Bleda came up to spend Sunday with home folks.

Tom Swafford and family have returned from Illinois and are on the John Dirnberger place.

John Dirnberger built a 500 gallon concrete watering trough at his deep well last week.

Louis Schlitt and Miss Sybilla Pöbst, attended church at Kelsco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kihoeffer and son, Anton, were at the Cape Thursday.

Mrs. August Glaus, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glaus spent Monday with Mrs. Wm. Ledger at Kelsco.

What is looking bad in the hills

FROM CARY.
There is quite an interest taken in the Baptist church, which was lately organized here. The church building has been repaired and presents a much better appearance. A good Sunday school has been organized, of which George Humphrey is superintendent, with excellent teachers. It is intended to hold a revival as soon as the busy season is over, and once again it is to be hoped that Cary will have a good church and Sunday school.

The condition of crops in this vicinity is not very encouraging. Wheat is needing rain, and unless a good shower comes within a few days the yield will be very much lessened. Corn is looking fairly good, has been exceedingly well cultivated, but is also in need of rain. However, kicking on the weather seems to do no good.

FROM CANHAM.
Our school closed May 8th with an entertainment of which we are all proud, and Mrs. Albert Ansell, the teacher, deserves great credit for the way in which the children were trained.

Prizes were awarded to Miss Clyta Ansell, gold medal for best dictionation and silver medal to Lotus Walker for second best. For perfect attendance the gold medal was awarded to Dornon Burk and the silver medal to Miss Ruby Varnon. Also other prizes were awarded to various children and all were treated to candy.

To entertain the occasion some good string and organ music was furnished by Earl Canham and Adolph Sheets, and the crowd was the largest ever assembled at our school house.

Wheat looks fairly well in this neighborhood, early corn looks fine, hay never was better, and alfalfa hay making is now in full swing. Weather cool.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.
Mrs. George Jenkins, died at her home in Parma, Saturday night, and was brought here Sunday and buried at the old Finley graveyard near Pleasant Hill. She was a daughter of Renfro Clymer.

Last Thursday, while cutting weeds Miss Lucile Sanders got her leg very badly cut. It was necessary to have a doctor and eight stitches had to be taken. She is getting along very nicely.

Wm. Sanders of this place and G. W. Brundrett and L. A. Reynolds and son, Ralph, of Commerce Autoed to St. Louis Sunday returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders visited their daughter, Mrs. Elsie Wise, on Big Island Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reynolds and little son, Joe Francis, of Illinois, visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Dell Spradlin of Macedonia and her friend Miss Steveson, spent Monday with Miss Viola Weaver.

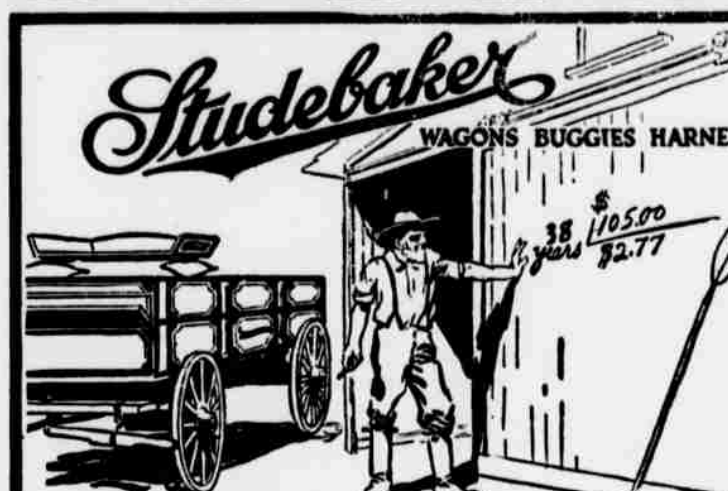
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All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of publication of this notice they will be forever barred. LINSON DABBS, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Andrew McMullen, dec'd, have been granted to the undersigned by the Judge of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 10th day of April, 1915.